

May 19, 2021

The Honorable Todd Young
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Young:

As the President and CEO of 16 Tech Community Corporation, the nonprofit organization overseeing the development of the 16 Tech Innovation District near downtown Indianapolis, I am writing to thank you for your leadership and continued support of the Endless Frontier Act.

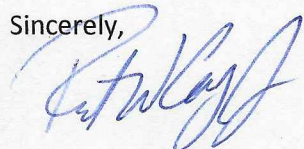
As you well know, the Endless Frontier Act would make much needed investments in national R&D, driving technological innovation and ensuring the nation's global economic competitiveness in the decades ahead. While this is laudable in its own right, the Act's Technology Hub Program could also enable Central Indiana to better compete nationally for the innovative companies and talent that contribute to state and local economic growth.

With 16 Tech as the nascent nucleus of Central Indiana's innovation ecosystem, Indianapolis is increasingly well-positioned to compete against the elite coastal mega hubs that currently serve as centers of economic growth. However, we need help. As perhaps best illustrated by Amazon's search for "HQ2," Indianapolis can hold its own against the country's biggest cities, but we do not yet have the critical mass needed to close the deal, and I appreciate the Endless Frontier Act's Technology Hub Program as an attempt to remedy dynamic.

With the federal investments enabled through the Act's Technology Hub Program, regions like Central Indiana will be able to better compete against places like Boston and Silicon Valley, which were themselves the beneficiaries of catalyzing federal investments many decades ago. Indeed, should Indianapolis earn a Tech Hub as a result of the Endless Frontier Act, both the city and surrounding communities stand to benefit tremendously as the federal investments made through the program will support both the R&D that leads to new products and development of the manufacturing skills that help get new products to the market.

Again, thank you for your continued leadership on this issue. I genuinely hope that the Endless Frontier Act enables a more prosperous future for Indiana and our country as a whole.

Sincerely,



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